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JUFFURE: HOME VILLAGE OF THE KINTEH FAMILY, IMMORTALIZED BY ALEX HALEY IN ROOTS. JUFFURE IS A TYPICAL SMALL SUBSISTENCE FARMING COMMUNITY OF PERHAPS 150 INHABITANTS. A POPULAR ATTRACTION FOR AMERICAN TOURISTS, THE VILLAGE HAS HOSTED SEVERAL HUNDRED AMERICAN VISITORS OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS. WHILE IN JUFFURE, MISS LILLIAN WILL CALL ON VILLAGE ELDERS AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE KINTEH FAMILY. SHE WILL OBSERVE A DEMONSTRATION BY THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AIDS UNIT, WHICH WILL SHOW A SHORT FILM TO THE JUFFURE FARMING AUDIENCE. THE UNIT HAS 5 CINEMA VANS FUNDED BY USAID IN 1975 AS PART OF A SAHEL REHABILITATION GRANT.

IN JUFFURE, MISS LILLIAN WILL MEET:

MR. BAKARY JOBARTEH, COMMISSIONER, NORTH BANK DIVISION;
MR. DOUDOU SONKO, CHIEF OF UPPER NIUMI;
MR. BAKARY TAAL, VILLAGE CHIEF OF JUFFURE;
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MRS. BINTA KINTEH, Matriarch of the family, and widow of the story teller who recited KINTEH family history to HALEY;
MR. BABOUCAR MANNEH, head of the extension AIDS unit.

FARA TENNI: THIS TOWN IS A GROWING COMMERCIAL CENTER SITUATED ON THE RIVER'S NORTH BANK, AND LYING ASTRIDE THE TRANS-GAMBIA HIGHWAY--SENEGAL'S MAIN ARTERY TO ITS SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF

CASAMANCE. THE MID-RIVER ANTI-SALINITY AND IRRIGATION DAM IS TO BE BUILT NEAR FARAFENNI. WHILE IN THIS LOCATION, IN TENTATIVE ORDER OF SEQUENCE, MISS LILLIAN WILL VISIT THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

1. VISIT A RICE GROWING SCHEME (TRADITIONALLY A WOMEN'S CROP IN THE GAMBIA), AND OBSERVE A SMALL DAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL IMPOUND WATER FOR SWAMP RICE. THE PROJECT IS FUNDED BY WEST GERMANY THROUGH THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN. THE PROJECT IS MANAGED BY FFHC REPRESENTATIVE, MR. BABOUCAR BALDEH, AND A GERMAN TECHNICAL ADVISOR, MR. DIETER SCHULTZE. A TEAM OF YOUNG AMERICANS FROM OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA IS ALSO WORKING ON THE PROJECT.
2. TRADITIONAL MEETING WITH VILLAGE ELDERS AT THE BANTABA, A RAISED WOODEN PLATFORM IN THE CENTER OF THE VILLAGE, WHICH SYMBOLIZES THE LEGITIMACY OF VILLAGE LEADERSHIP. THE MEETING WILL BE LED BY DIVISION COMMISSIONER JOBARTEH (SEE JUFFURE ABOVE) AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF UPPER BADDIBU, KEBBEH JAMMEH.
3. VISIT A SMALL SILVERSMITH SHOP, WHICH IS ASSISTED BY THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SMALL BUSINESS ADVISOR IN FARAFENNI, PAUL SEVIER. THE SHOP IS OWNED BY MR. KISSIMA TOURAY. MISS LILLIAN WILL THEN CROSS THE STREET AND VISIT A CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT THE LOCAL MEDICAL CLINIC, ASSISTED BY PCV SARA TABER.

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4. REPRESENTATIVE EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION OF AID-SUPPLIED SORGHUM, TO BE SUPERVISED BY CHIEF KEBBA JAMMEH (SEE 2 ABOVE) AND A DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM GRAIN (SUPPLIED FROM THE AID ALLOCATION TO WFP). CHARLES COHEN (A US CITIZEN), WFP REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GAMBIA WILL SUPERVISE.

5. DEMONSTRATION BY THE CROP PROTECTION UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OF CROP DUSTING TECHNIQUES. AID HAS PROVIDED VEHICLES, SPRAYERS, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THIS UNIT. MISS LILLIAN WILL MEET THE CHIEF OF THE CROP PROTECTION UNIT, MR. SULEIMAN M'BOOB, AID TECHNICIAN/COUNTRY PROJECT ENTOMOLOGIST, F. PHILLIPS, AND FAO CROP PROTECTION ADVISOR PETER MANSER. SHE WILL ALSO OBSERVE A TYPICAL PEANUT (GROUNDNUT) YIELD.

6. IN ADDITION TO PCV'S NOTED ABOVE, MISS LILLIAN WILL ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK UP-COUNTRY IN THE GAMBIA; ROSS CROULET, CHRISTINE ELIAS, MICHAEL JASINSKI, PAUL JURMO, ANNE TICKLE, AND RONALD OLSEN. WYGANT

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